

Bourgeois Rule

Exposed

Down With Nixon Gang!

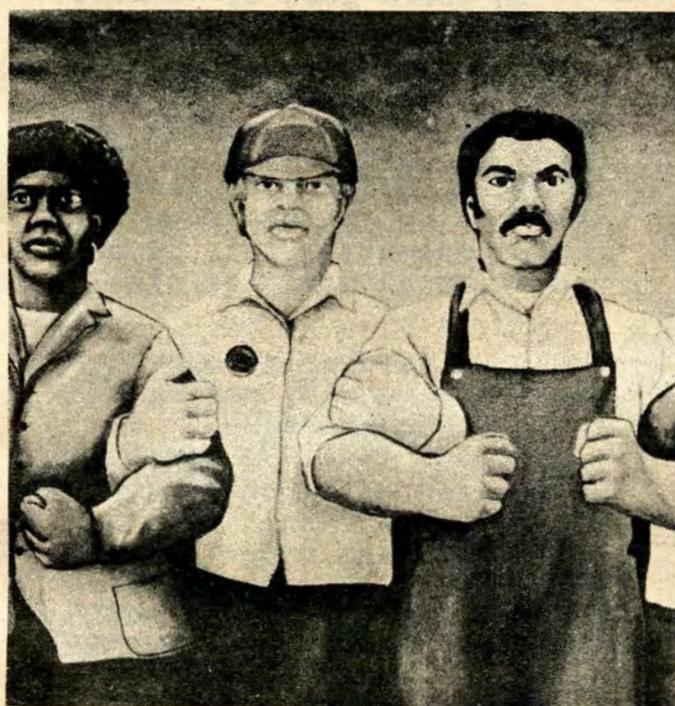
The Watergate affair, which has been recently uncovered by the Press, is the biggest governmental crisis in the history of the USNA.

Two Attorney Generals have been removed. Former Attorney General Mitchell has been indicted along with Stans, the former Commerce Secretary. The acting FBI Director, Gray, has been forced to resign. Nixon's two top domestic aides, Erlichman and Haldeman, have resigned. Numerous other lesser officials, including Dean, Nixon's legal counsel, have been forced to resign. And to top it off, Nixon personally attempted to bribe the Judge in the Ellsberg Pentagon Papers case with the offer of FBI Director. By now any government in Europe would have been toppled by such a scandal and a new one established.

It should be clear that all of these Nixon flunkies could not have carried out their parts in the Watergate affair without the knowledge of Nixon. And yet almost every politician from Mayor Daley to Senators Mansfield and McGovern are trying their best to cover up Nixon's involvement.

The most important questions facing the USNA proletariat about the Watergate affair are: 1) Why did Nixon do it, 2) how will the imperialists attempt to turn the affair to their advantage, and 3) what should the working class and its political leaders do to use this crisis to our advantage.

First, before last year's election the biggest threat to the imperialists' ability to wage war was the growing grassroots coalition of the anti-war, the civil rights, the farmworkers and the youth movements, and the growing rebellion in the Armed Forces, etc. In or-



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The Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists is taking place May 24 - 28, 1973 in Chicago, Illinois. This is an historic moment for Marxist-Leninists and all honest revolutionary forces. We are gathering together to struggle and unite around the line of Marxism-Leninism.

It is out of this struggle for scientific socialism that we will smash the revisionism and opportunism that

der for Nixon to be re-elected and to defeat the outcry against imperialist aggression in Indo-China, the Democratic Party candidate had to be a man that could unite behind him all of these forces and then be soundly defeated.

McGovern obviously was paid by Nixon to do that job. He was the perfect candidate. As a bungling liberal "who was against the war", he immediately presented himself as a "hero" to the revisionist CPUSA and the petty bourgeois leaders of the anti-war and civil rights movements who "nominated" him as the Democratic Party candidate. McGovern's role as Nixon's paid man is confirmed by his silence on the matter ex-

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upsurge the Communist Party of China correctly was ready to make the maximum national sacrifice to further the cause of the revolution. To maintain that stance while the revolution is clearly on the decline is nothing less than dogmatism. Under the conditions of the existing relationships of the world powers, the concept of maintaining the world revolution is bound up with the supreme task of safeguarding the national territory of China, safeguarding and expanding the socialist relationships, strengthening the state of the dictatorship of the proletariat and developing the defensive and offensive capabilities of the nation. Lenin, blockaded by the imperialist powers, made huge concessions to the imperialists in order to give the Soviet Union time to build its defenses and to await the inevitable change in the relationship of forces. Today, China is in somewhat the same position as was Lenin. China must await the change in relationships. That is inevitable, but there is no real telling when it will be achieved. It can be achieved by a severe economic crisis within the USNA, or by a political revolution within the USSR, or by a dramatic military and economic development within China that would compel her enemies to keep their hands off. We are in full agreement that the preservation of socialism within China is the principle task of the Chinese Party so long as the present situation remains.

Why is it that the collusion aspect of the relationship between the two imperialist powers, the USSR and the USNA, is the dominant aspect for so long a period? It would be normal to assume that the struggle aspect would grow and become the dominant aspect. Normally speaking this is true. However, the agricultural crisis and the political response of the USNA to that crisis provides for the collusion aspect to remain dominant for some time yet. It is interesting to note that in this gigantic wheat deal there are provisions for periodic

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can make scapegoats of Nixon's subordinates, particularly former Attorney General Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Stans, Nixon will be able to go on his merry way a "stronger" president because he "cleaned house."

Second, we know the government is not going to punish itself. The people indicted and brought to trial will only be given a slap on the wrist. The growing fascist drive against the working class underlying the Watergate affair will continue and even deepen. In the process of bringing these officials to trial and "cleaning up the government," there will be a push to impose real "law and order" on the working class.

The imperialists will try to do this in one of two ways. As they have already indicated, they will first attempt to charge Nixon's underlings with responsibility for the whole affair. That would leave Nixon free to vigorously continue his foreign-domestic policy. Or, and this is by far the least desirable solution for the imperialists; if Nixon is completely discredited and unable to rule with any effectiveness, he will have to be impeached or forced to resign. He would then be replaced by Agnew.

For the working class, neither of these two solutions can satisfy our political needs. We know that Nixon is a criminal and involved in this scandal up to his neck. We also know that Agnew is involved just as deeply. Thus, we have the same situation with one as with the other. In addition, it is clear that handing power over to the Democrats is not enough. The Democratic Party, as well as the Republican Party, represent the interests of the imperialists. Thus we are again faced with the same situation.

What the advanced workers and Communists must do at this time is twofold: One, we must hammer home the objective lesson this scandal has for the proletariat. Bourgeois political parties and elections can never satisfy our demands. The only way to solve the problem of the massive corruption and bribery that is infecting all levels of government in our country today is to fight hard to build a real working class party, a Communist Party. Two, we must demand that the arch-criminal, Nixon, not simply be replaced by the equally arch-criminal, Agnew; but that the whole government resign and new elections be held to determine who should run the country.

These two resolutions should be advanced in all possible mass organizations - from trade unions to PTA's to welfare rights organizations, etc. We must take full advantage of this crisis and use it to push forward as much as possible the struggle of the working class against capital and for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

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cept to urge the country to unite behind the criminal, Nixon.

Now that the wholesale use of bribery, corruption and attacks on bourgeois democratic rights by the imperialists has been exposed, what steps will they take to turn the situation to their advantage?

First, the imperialists cannot allow a situation to develop where there is any effective, which means working class, opposition to imperialist aggression abroad or to the increasing cost of living here at home. Therefore, if they